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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN PARTY AGRICULTURAL PERSONNEL CONTINUE AT
CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM

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1. EXPANDED PLENUM OF BCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 20-21 RESULTED IN A FEW PERSONNEL CHANGES, MOST NOTEWORTHY OF WHICH WAS REMOVAL OF PARTY SECRETARY IVAN PRUMOV FROM HIS DUTIES "IN CONNECTION WITH A TRANSFER TO OTHERWORK". HIS REMOVAL PROBABLY IS A CONTINUATION OF THE SHAKE UP IN THE AGRUCULTURAL ADMIN-ISTRATIVE ORGANS WHICH BEGAN LAST APRIL (REFTEL) WITH THE REPLACEMENTS OF MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE GANCHO KRUSTEV AND HEAD OF THE PARTY'S AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT VULCAN SHOPOV. FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS, PRUMOV HAS PLAYED A CENTRAL ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL POLICY IN BULGARIA. HE SERVED FIVE YEARS AS MINISTER OF AGRI-CULTURE (1957-62), AND IN THE EARLY 70'S WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARTY'S DRIVE TO DEVELOP THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES.
2. OTHER PERSONNEL CHANGES ANNOUNCED AT PLENUM INCLUDE SELECTION OF TODAOR BOZHINOV (MINISTER AND FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE
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- STATE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING) AND STOYAN MIKHAILOV (HEAD OF THE BCP DEPARTMENT FOR PROPAGANDA AND AGITATION) AS SECRETARIES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE BCP.
3. IN ADDITION, YORDAN YOTOV (EDITOR OF THE PARTY DAILY RABOTNICHESCK DELO) AND VESELIN NIKIFOROV (MINISTER AND PRESIDENT OF THE BULGARIAN NATIONAL BANK) WERE NAMED TO

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. (COMMENT: THUS NUMBER OF PARTY SECRETARIES
HAS BEEN INCREASED BY ONE. END COMMENT)

4. IN OTHER BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE PLENUM, HELD AS
USUAL AT THE BOYANA RESIDENCE, POLITBURO MEMBER OGNAN
DOINOV DELIVERED A SPEECH ENTITLED "ON THE ACCELERATED
DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS OF SCIENTIFIC-
TECHNICAL PROGRESS IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA."
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